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I. MINIMUM WAGE RATES

This section contains particulars of weighted average minimum weekly and hourly wage rates for adult males and adult females for Australia and each State, together with index numbers with base : year 1954 = 100.

2. The minimum wage is the lowest rate payable for a particular occupation, and for most occupations it comprises the basic wage (see page 12) and "secondary" wage payments, i.e. additional amounts such as margins for skill, etc., and loadings of various kinds. In the majority of cases such rates are prescribed in awards or determinations of Commonwealth or State industrial authorities or in agreements registered with them. Some rates are prescribed in unregistered agreements between employers and employees.

3. The Minimum Wage Rate Index is based on the occupation structure existing in 1954. Weights for each industry and each occupation were derived from two sample surveys made in that year. The first was the Survey of Awards in April, 1954, which showed the number of employees covered by individual awards, determinations and agreements, and provided employee weights for each industry as well as a basis for the Survey of Award Occupations made in November, 1954. This second survey showed the number of employees in each occupation within selected awards, etc., in the various industries, thereby providing occupation weights.

4. The minimum wage rates used in the index are for representative occupations within each industry. They have been derived entirely from representative awards, determinations and agreements in force at the end of each period commencing with March, 1939, for adult males and March, 1951, for adult females. The index for adult males includes rates for 3,424 award designations. However, as some of these designations are operative within more than one industry, or in more than one State, the total number of individual award occupations is 2,322. For adult females the corresponding numbers are 1,103 and 518. By use of the industry and occupation weights derived from the surveys described above, these rates were combined to give weighted averages for each industry group for each State and Australia. Because of coverage difficulties the rural industry is not included in the index.

5. Because the indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of "wages" as distinct from "salaries", those awards, etc. which relate solely or mainly to salary-earners are excluded.

6. In ascertaining from awards, etc., the wage rates for representative occupations, it was found in some cases that an occupation selected as representative in the base year (1954) did not exist in earlier years. In such cases another occupation with the same marginal rate of wage was chosen from the same award and variations in the wage rates for this occupation were taken to be representative for the earlier period.

7. Since 1954 the industrial structure in Australia, and particularly in some States, has been undergoing a degree of change which over a period is likely to have some effects on the index. Generally the effect of new or expanding industries on the index is not significant, because occupations in such industries can usually be covered by existing awards, and the wage rates for the new occupations conform very closely to those for existing occupations. Occasionally, however, an entirely new award is made to cover a new industry, and in such cases occupations from the new award are introduced into the index whenever such action is warranted by the number of employees in the industry. By these means it has been possible for the occupations in the index to be kept, as nearly as may be, continuously representative and for a high degree of comparability to be preserved over a long period.

8. Weighted averages of the components of the total minimum weekly wage rate, i.e. basic wage, margin and loading, are calculated separately for adult male employees covered by Commonwealth awards, etc., and for those covered by State awards, etc. These particulars are published in Tables 3 and 4 of this bulletin. Relevant definitions are as follows:-

"Commonwealth awards, etc." include awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator.

"State awards, etc." include awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, together with certain unregistered agreements, where these are dominant in the particular industries to which they refer.

"Basic wage" rates are weighted averages of the weekly rates prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the index for each State. For industries other than mining, metropolitan basic wage rates have generally been used. However, there are a number of occupations for which basic wage rates other than the metropolitan rate are prescribed. Also in some States at various times, State Government employees under Commonwealth awards have been paid State basic wage rates, and the basic wage rates of some employees have been subject to automatic quarterly adjustments while those of other employees within the same jurisdiction have remained unchanged. In all such cases the basic wage rate actually paid is used in tables herein. For these and other reasons, the weighted average basic wage rates shown in the tables in this section differ, in the majority of cases, from the metropolitan basic wage rates shown in Tables 11 and 12 of Section II.

"Margins" are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, awarded to particular classifications of employees for features attaching to their work, such as skill, experience, arduousness or other like factors.

"Loadings" include industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc. for the occupations included in the index.

9. The proportion of employees covered by Commonwealth and State awards, etc., varies considerably as between States. In addition, the proportions of employees engaged in the respective industries differ from State to State. As a result there are relatively wide differences between the weighted average amounts of margins and loadings in the several States.

10. The wage rates shown in the tables in this section should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. Neither the wage rates nor the corresponding index numbers measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States.

11. Minimum weekly wage rates for adult males should not be compared with average weekly earnings per employed male unit, shown in Section III, because the latter include not only the earnings of adult wage-earners but also those of all salaried employees, junior wage-earners and part-time and casual employees.

12. Wage rates and index numbers for adult males are available as at the end of each quarter from March, 1939 to December, 1956 and as at the end of each month from January, 1957. Particulars for adult females are compiled quarterly and are available from March, 1951. For details of wage rates and index numbers from 1939 reference should be made to the following Statistical Bulletins:-

S.B. 123 - Minimum Weekly Wage Rates, 1939 to 1959.

S.B. 124 - Minimum Weekly Wage Rates, January, 1960 to June, 1962.

(containing final figures for the period January to December, 1960)

S.B. 354 - Minimum Wage Rates, January, 1961 to June, 1963.

13. In some cases, when awards, etc. are varied, the new wage rates are made retrospective. Also there is generally an unavoidable, and sometimes considerable, delay in the receipt of notification of changes in margins and loadings in respect of the occupations included in the index. Such retrospective, etc. effects on figures already published for recent months are generally incorporated in revisions made at the time of publication of detailed special Statistical Bulletins (see paragraph 12).

TABLE 1. - MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES (a)

INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31ST MAY, 1964

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding over-time), as prescribed in awards, determinations, etc., and index numbers of wage rates.

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Mining and Quarrying (b)	472 10	371 1	448 8	360 6	408 6	376 11	444 1
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	372 8	367 0	370 0	365 10	380 11	380 8	370 6
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	364 5	357 8	359 4	346 11	365 2	351 5	359 7
Food, Drink and Tobacco	374 1	381 9	362 8	354 6	378 8	365 5	372 7
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	376 3	357 0	353 1	360 10	367 2	361 3	364 5
Paper, Printing, etc.	395 9	407 10	408 1	393 3	432 4	375 4	400 9
Other Manufacturing	376 10	364 7	354 8	360 0	367 5	364 5	368 9
All Manufacturing Groups	374 8	369 1	365 3	363 8	377 3	370 8	370 11
Building and Construction	391 10	395 0	356 5	368 6	377 5	381 4	382 8
Railway Services	384 10	344 4	376 1	354 5	362 9	372 10	368 7
Road and Air Transport	391 5	365 8	346 0	354 1	377 8	365 4	373 6
Shipping and Stevedoring	371 6	369 9	365 10	367 4	365 2	366 4	368 10
Communication	413 10	410 9	408 9	408 10	409 4	407 3	411 3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	383 8	378 0	371 10	362 4	379 6	379 0	378 0
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	383 5	361 4	363 1	350 8	359 3	383 4	369 1
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	365 7	345 4	350 7	345 9	360 3	354 9	355 4
All Industry Groups (c)	384 10	372 8	370 0	364 1	378 2	375 0	376 9

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(Base : Weighted Average Weekly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

Mining and Quarrying (b)	167.4	131.4	158.9	127.6	144.6	133.5	157.2
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	132.0	129.9	131.0	129.5	134.9	134.8	131.2
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	129.0	126.6	127.2	122.8	129.3	124.4	127.3
Food, Drink and Tobacco	132.5	135.2	128.4	125.5	134.1	129.4	131.9
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	133.2	126.4	125.0	127.8	130.0	127.9	129.0
Paper, Printing, etc.	140.1	144.4	144.5	139.2	153.1	132.9	141.9
Other Manufacturing	133.4	129.1	125.6	127.5	130.1	129.0	130.6
All Manufacturing Groups	132.7	130.7	129.3	128.8	133.6	131.2	131.3
Building and Construction	138.7	139.9	126.2	130.5	133.6	135.0	135.5
Railway Services	136.3	121.9	133.2	125.5	128.4	132.0	130.5
Road and Air Transport	138.6	129.5	122.5	125.4	133.7	129.4	132.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	131.5	130.9	129.5	130.1	129.3	129.7	130.6
Communication	146.5	145.4	144.7	144.8	144.9	144.2	145.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	135.9	133.8	131.7	128.3	134.4	134.2	133.8
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	135.8	127.9	128.6	124.2	127.2	135.7	130.7
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	129.4	122.3	124.1	122.4	127.6	125.6	125.8
All Industry Groups (c)	136.3	132.0	131.0	128.9	133.9	132.8	133.4

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4.

(b) For mining, the wage rates include lead bonuses, etc.

(c) Excludes rural.

TABLE 2. - MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES, ALL GROUPS (a)

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations, etc., and index numbers of wage rates.

End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
December -							
1939	100 1	97 1	99 5	94 1	100 6	92 2	98 4
1945	122 6	121 1	118 1	116 0	120 4	115 7	120 7
1950	206 2	201 9	195 2	197 11	200 7	198 0	202 0
1955	305 3	295 7	283 6	285 0	300 1	293 7	297 0
1959	350 3	344 2	334 4	339 11	340 9	347 1	344 8
1960	362 10	349 11	350 8	342 2	358 1	351 6	355 0
1961	373 5	362 2	359 10	354 7	363 9	362 8	365 9
1962	373 7	363 7	359 8	356 6	365 8	364 7	366 6
1963	382 2	371 5	369 10	363 6	374 10	372 6	375 0
1963 - May	379 10	368 0	363 4	362 1	368 0	368 8	371 6
June	380 0	368 10	366 3	362 4	369 3	369 2	372 4
July	380 3	370 5	368 6	362 9	371 8	371 4	373 5
August	381 0	370 7	369 2	362 10	373 4	371 8	374 0
September	381 2	371 0	369 2	363 0	373 7	371 9	374 3
October	381 8	371 3	369 4	363 4	374 4	372 2	374 7
November	381 10	371 3	369 9	363 6	374 6	372 2	374 9
December	382 2	371 5	369 10	363 6	374 10	372 6	375 0
1964 - January	382 3	372 6	369 11	363 8	375 0	374 1	375 5
February	383 6	372 6	369 11	363 9	375 0	374 1	375 11
March	383 7	372 8	369 11	363 9	375 3	374 7	376 0
April	383 8	372 8	370 0	364 1	377 7	374 8	376 3
May	384 10	372 8	370 0	364 1	378 2	375 0	376 9

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(Base : Weighted Average Weekly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

December -							
1939	35.4	34.4	35.2	33.3	35.6	32.6	34.8
1945	43.4	42.9	41.8	41.1	42.6	40.9	42.7
1950	73.0	71.4	69.1	70.1	71.0	70.1	71.5
1955	108.1	104.7	100.4	100.9	106.3	104.0	105.2
1959	124.0	121.9	118.4	120.4	120.7	122.9	122.0
1960	128.5	123.9	124.2	121.2	126.8	124.5	125.7
1961	132.2	128.2	127.4	125.6	128.8	128.4	129.5
1962	132.3	128.7	127.4	126.2	129.5	129.1	129.8
1963	135.3	131.5	131.0	128.7	132.7	131.9	132.8
1963 - May	134.5	130.3	128.6	128.2	130.3	130.5	131.5
June	134.6	130.6	129.7	128.3	130.7	130.7	131.8
July	134.6	131.2	130.5	128.4	131.6	131.5	132.2
August	134.9	131.2	130.7	128.5	132.2	131.6	132.4
September	135.0	131.4	130.7	128.5	132.3	131.6	132.5
October	135.1	131.5	130.8	128.6	132.5	131.8	132.6
November	135.2	131.5	130.9	128.7	132.6	131.8	132.7
December	135.3	131.5	131.0	128.7	132.7	131.9	132.8
1964 - January	135.3	131.9	131.0	128.8	132.8	132.5	132.9
February	135.8	131.9	131.0	128.8	132.8	132.5	133.1
March	135.8	132.0	131.0	128.8	132.9	132.6	133.1
April	135.9	132.0	131.0	128.9	133.7	132.7	133.2
May	136.3	132.0	131.0	128.9	133.9	132.8	133.4

(a) Excludes rural. See paragraph 10, page 4.

TABLE 3. - MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES (a)

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATE, 31ST MAY, 1964

Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements.

State	Commonwealth Awards, etc.				State Awards, etc.				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage (b)	Margin	Load-ing	Total Wage	Basic Wage (b)	Margin	Load-ing	Total Wage	Basic Wage	Margin	Load-ing	Total Wage
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
N.S.W.	295 7	80 4	5 6	381 5	304 10	75 5	8 4	388 7	300 0	78 0	6 10	384 10
Vic.	287 5	75 1	4 9	367 3	287 9	89 5	7 6	384 8	287 6	79 6	5 8	372 8
Qld.	279 5	88 5	5 4	373 2	286 11	76 11	5 5	369 3	285 5	79 3	5 4	370 0
S.A.	283 6	81 11	2 9	368 2	283 1	62 11	9 0	355 0	283 5	76 0	4 8	364 1
W.A.	288 5	98 2	2 10	389 5	303 7	67 8	5 6	376 9	301 9	71 3	5 2	378 2
Tas.	293 4	71 2	5 7	370 1	294 2	77 1	11 3	382 6	293 8	73 7	7 9	375 0
Aust.	290 0	78 11	4 11	373 10	296 1	76 7	7 4	380 0	292 11	77 9	6 1	376 9

- (a) Excludes rural. See paragraph 10, page 4. For definitions see paragraph 8, page 4.
 (b) The basic wage rates shown are weighted averages, and therefore differ from the metropolitan rates shown in Tables 11 and 12. See explanation on page 4.

TABLE 4. - MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES, AUSTRALIA (a)

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATE

Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements.

End of -	Commonwealth Awards, etc.				State Awards, etc.				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage (b)	Margin	Load-ing	Total Wage	Basic Wage (b)	Margin	Load-ing	Total Wage	Basic Wage	Margin	Load-ing	Total Wage
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
December -												
1939	79 5	17 3	0 4	97 0	81 11	17 4	0 6	99 9	80 8	17 3	0 5	98 4
1945	97 3	19 4	4 1	120 8	98 1	20 0	2 5	120 6	97 8	19 8	3 3	120 7
1950	162 2	35 8	3 11	201 9	161 8	35 3	5 5	202 4	161 11	35 6	4 7	202 0
1955	239 0	52 8	2 4	294 0	244 8	50 6	5 0	300 2	241 10	51 7	3 7	297 0
1959	277 2	69 2	3 0	349 4	275 8	59 6	4 8	339 10	276 5	64 5	3 10	344 8
1960	278 2	70 1	3 2	351 5	285 2	68 5	5 3	358 10	281 7	69 3	4 2	355 0
1961	289 9	70 8	3 6	363 11	293 5	68 11	5 3	367 7	291 6	69 10	4 5	365 9
1962	289 7	71 2	4 1	364 10	293 1	69 4	5 11	368 4	291 3	70 3	5 0	366 6
1963	289 10	78 7	4 5	372 10	295 0	75 6	6 10	377 4	292 4	77 1	5 7	375 0
1963 -												
May	289 9	77 9	4 2	371 8	294 5	70 10	6 1	371 4	292 0	74 5	5 1	371 6
June	289 9	77 11	4 2	371 10	294 5	72 4	6 1	372 10	292 0	75 3	5 1	372 4
July	289 9	77 11	4 2	371 10	294 7	74 3	6 4	375 2	292 1	76 2	5 2	373 5
August	289 10	77 11	4 2	371 11	295 0	74 7	6 9	376 4	292 4	76 4	5 4	374 0
Sept.	289 10	78 0	4 2	372 0	295 0	74 10	6 9	376 7	292 4	76 6	5 5	374 3
Oct.	289 10	78 4	4 2	372 4	295 0	75 3	6 9	377 0	292 4	76 10	5 5	374 7
Nov.	289 10	78 5	4 2	372 5	295 0	75 5	6 10	377 3	292 4	77 0	5 5	374 9
Dec.	289 10	78 7	4 5	372 10	295 0	75 6	6 10	377 4	292 4	77 1	5 7	375 0
1964 -												
Jan.	289 10	78 10	4 10	373 6	295 0	75 6	6 11	377 5	292 4	77 3	5 10	375 5
Feb.	289 10	78 11	4 10	373 7	295 0	76 5	7 0	378 5	292 4	77 8	5 11	375 11
March	289 10	78 11	4 11	373 8	295 0	76 5	7 2	378 7	292 4	77 8	6 0	376 0
April	289 10	78 11	4 11	373 8	295 4	76 7	7 2	379 1	292 6	77 9	6 0	376 3
May	290 0	78 11	4 11	373 10	296 1	76 7	7 4	380 0	292 11	77 9	6 1	376 9

NOTE. - For footnotes see Table 3 above.

TABLE 5. - MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES (a)

INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31ST MAY, 1964

Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE (Pence)							
Mining and Quarrying (b)	143.94	111.32	134.60	108.15	126.41	113.08	134.84
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	111.80	110.10	111.00	109.75	114.28	114.20	111.15
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	109.33	107.30	107.80	104.08	109.55	105.43	107.87
Food, Drink and Tobacco	112.39	114.53	108.80	106.35	113.60	109.63	111.83
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	112.88	107.10	105.92	108.25	110.15	108.38	109.33
Paper, Printing, etc.	118.73	122.53	122.42	117.98	132.31	112.60	120.38
Other Manufacturing	113.05	109.48	106.40	108.24	109.98	109.41	110.68
All Manufacturing Groups	112.43	110.75	109.58	109.16	113.23	111.20	111.30
Building and Construction	117.55	118.50	106.93	110.55	113.23	114.40	114.80
Railway Services	115.45	103.40	112.82	106.33	108.83	111.85	110.60
Road and Air Transport	117.43	109.70	103.80	106.22	113.30	109.60	112.05
Communication	124.15	123.23	122.63	123.92	122.80	123.44	123.53
Wholesale and Retail Trade	115.10	113.40	111.55	108.70	113.85	113.70	113.40
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	117.28	111.38	110.25	107.27	108.92	116.78	112.84
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	109.67	103.60	105.17	103.73	108.08	106.72	106.60
All Industry Groups (c)	115.70	111.91	111.11	109.31	113.89	112.73	113.21

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(Base : Weighted Average Hourly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

Mining and Quarrying (b)	169.5	131.1	158.5	127.4	148.9	133.2	158.8
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	131.7	129.7	130.7	129.3	134.6	134.5	130.9
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	128.8	126.4	127.0	122.6	129.0	124.2	127.1
Food, Drink and Tobacco	132.4	134.9	128.2	125.3	133.8	129.1	131.7
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	133.0	126.1	124.8	127.5	129.7	127.7	128.8
Paper, Printing, etc.	139.8	144.3	144.2	139.0	155.8	132.6	141.8
Other Manufacturing	133.2	129.0	125.3	127.5	129.5	128.9	130.4
All Manufacturing Groups	132.4	130.4	129.1	128.6	133.4	131.0	131.1
Building and Construction	138.5	139.6	125.9	130.2	133.4	134.7	135.2
Railway Services	136.0	121.8	132.9	125.2	128.2	131.7	130.3
Road and Air Transport	138.3	129.2	122.3	125.1	133.5	129.1	132.0
Communication	146.2	145.1	144.4	146.0	144.6	145.4	145.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	135.6	133.6	131.4	128.0	134.1	133.9	133.6
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	138.1	131.2	129.9	126.3	128.3	137.6	132.9
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	129.2	122.0	123.9	122.2	127.3	125.7	125.6
All Industry Groups (c)	136.3	131.8	130.9	128.8	134.1	132.8	133.3

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4. (b) For mining, the wage rates include lead bonuses, etc.
(c) Excludes rural, and shipping and stevedoring. The former is not included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index and for the latter definite particulars for the computation of hourly wage rates are not available.

TABLE 6. - MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT MALES, ALL GROUPS (a)

Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE (Pence)							
December -							
1939	27.48	26.44	27.49	25.45	27.15	25.14	26.91
1945	33.64	33.05	32.63	31.72	32.83	31.71	33.05
1950	61.96	60.58	58.60	59.44	60.35	59.42	60.70
1955	91.89	88.87	85.22	85.68	90.50	88.45	89.36
1959	105.28	103.35	100.35	102.08	102.56	104.38	103.55
1960	109.09	105.08	105.35	102.73	107.87	105.70	106.71
1961	112.29	108.76	108.05	106.46	109.53	109.03	109.91
1962	112.34	109.21	108.00	107.06	110.13	109.66	110.16
1963	114.89	111.51	111.06	109.14	112.86	111.93	112.66
1963 - May	114.24	110.53	109.10	108.73	110.78	110.88	111.66
June	114.24	110.76	109.98	108.81	111.18	111.01	111.89
July	114.32	111.26	110.68	108.96	111.91	111.68	112.24
August	114.54	111.31	110.91	108.98	112.44	111.78	112.41
September	114.59	111.41	110.91	109.01	112.51	111.81	112.46
October	114.74	111.46	110.91	109.06	112.68	111.86	112.54
November	114.77	111.48	111.03	109.11	112.76	111.86	112.59
December	114.89	111.51	111.06	109.14	112.86	111.93	112.66
1964 - January	114.89	111.83	111.08	109.16	112.89	112.46	112.79
February	115.27	111.86	111.08	109.21	112.89	112.46	112.94
March	115.32	111.88	111.08	109.21	112.96	112.61	112.99
April	115.34	111.88	111.11	109.29	113.69	112.64	113.06
May	115.70	111.91	111.11	109.31	113.89	112.73	113.21

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(Base : Weighted Average Hourly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

December -							
1939	32.4	31.1	32.4	30.0	32.0	29.6	31.7
1945	39.6	38.9	38.4	37.4	38.7	37.3	38.9
1950	73.0	71.4	69.0	70.0	71.1	70.0	71.5
1955	108.2	104.7	100.4	100.9	106.6	104.2	105.3
1959	124.0	121.7	118.2	120.2	120.8	122.9	122.0
1960	128.5	123.8	124.1	121.0	127.1	124.5	125.7
1961	132.3	128.1	127.3	125.4	129.0	128.4	129.5
1962	132.3	128.6	127.2	126.1	129.7	129.2	129.8
1963	135.3	131.3	130.8	128.6	132.9	131.8	132.7
1963 - May	134.6	130.2	128.5	128.1	130.5	130.6	131.5
June	134.6	130.5	129.5	128.2	131.0	130.8	131.8
July	134.7	131.0	130.4	128.3	131.8	131.5	132.2
August	134.9	131.1	130.6	128.4	132.4	131.7	132.4
September	135.0	131.2	130.6	128.4	132.5	131.7	132.5
October	135.1	131.3	130.6	128.5	132.7	131.8	132.6
November	135.2	131.3	130.8	128.5	132.8	131.8	132.6
December	135.3	131.3	130.8	128.6	132.9	131.8	132.7
1964 - January	135.3	131.7	130.8	128.6	133.0	132.5	132.9
February	135.8	131.8	130.8	128.6	133.0	132.5	133.0
March	135.8	131.8	130.8	128.6	133.1	132.6	133.1
April	135.9	131.8	130.9	128.7	133.9	132.7	133.2
May	136.3	131.8	130.9	128.8	134.1	132.8	133.3

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4. Excludes rural, and shipping and stevedoring. The former is not included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index and for the latter definite particulars for the computation of hourly wage rates are not available.

TABLE 7. - MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT FEMALES (a)

INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31ST MARCH, 1964

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding over-time), as prescribed in awards, determinations, etc., and index numbers of wage rates.

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	276 6	259 1	254 8	248 10	263 3	252 8	266 2
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	256 2	251 4	254 0	253 6	258 1	245 4	253 6
Food, Drink and Tobacco	278 10	254 0	255 7	248 1	249 5	245 10	262 2
Other Manufacturing	272 7	257 3	261 11	248 5	258 9	247 9	264 3
All Manufacturing Groups	267 0	253 10	256 2	249 11	256 10	246 6	259 3
Transport and Communication	284 10	270 10	273 0	268 8	275 2	273 0	276 9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	299 10	276 2	267 1	262 0	269 9	254 7	282 0
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	291 4	269 11	261 10	260 1	259 5	280 2	276 5
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	266 1	250 10	253 1	241 7	277 2	248 3	259 4
All Industry Groups (b)	278 6	260 7	261 5	255 1	266 6	253 0	267 11

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(Base : Weighted Average Weekly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	138.9	130.1	127.9	125.0	132.2	126.9	133.7
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	128.7	126.2	127.6	127.3	129.6	123.2	127.3
Food, Drink and Tobacco	140.1	127.6	128.4	124.6	125.3	123.5	131.7
Other Manufacturing	136.9	129.2	131.6	124.8	130.0	124.4	132.7
All Manufacturing Groups	134.1	127.5	128.7	125.5	129.0	123.8	130.2
Transport and Communication	143.1	136.0	137.1	135.0	138.2	137.1	139.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	150.6	138.7	134.2	131.6	135.5	127.9	141.7
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	146.3	135.6	131.5	130.6	130.3	140.7	138.8
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	133.7	126.0	127.1	121.3	139.2	124.7	130.3
All Industry Groups (b)	139.9	130.9	131.3	128.1	133.9	127.1	134.6

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4. (b) Excludes rural; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

TABLE 8. - MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ADULT FEMALES, ALL GROUPS (a)

Weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding over-time), as prescribed in awards, determinations, etc., and index numbers of wage rates.

End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
December - 1951	172 4	172 2	161 2	170 3	162 6	165 7	170 4
1959	249 3	241 3	229 8	239 2	224 1	234 3	242 2
1960	261 3	246 7	239 4	242 11	251 2	238 10	251 8
1961	269 2	256 7	255 6	252 0	256 7	248 3	261 2
1962	269 1	256 8	255 7	252 4	262 1	248 4	261 6
1963 - March	270 0	256 8	255 6	252 4	262 1	248 4	261 11
June	272 1	259 9	258 4	253 9	263 9	249 7	264 3
September	273 7	260 6	260 8	254 10	265 4	251 3	265 7
December	274 6	260 7	261 4	255 0	266 5	251 10	266 2
1964 - March	278 6	260 7	261 5	255 1	266 6	253 0	267 11

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(Base : Weighted Average Weekly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

December - 1951	86.6	86.5	81.0	85.5	81.6	83.2	85.6
1959	125.2	121.2	115.4	120.1	112.6	117.7	121.6
1960	131.2	123.9	120.2	122.0	126.2	120.0	126.4
1961	135.2	128.9	128.3	126.6	128.9	124.7	131.2
1962	135.2	128.9	128.4	126.7	131.6	124.7	131.4
1963 - March	135.6	128.9	128.3	126.7	131.6	124.7	131.6
June	136.7	130.5	129.8	127.5	132.5	125.4	132.7
September	137.4	130.9	130.9	128.0	133.3	126.2	133.4
December	137.9	130.9	131.3	128.1	133.8	126.5	133.7
1964 - March	139.9	130.9	131.3	128.1	133.9	127.1	134.6

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4. Excludes rural; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

TABLE 9. - MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT FEMALES (a)
INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31ST MARCH, 1964

Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE (Pence)							
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	83.01	77.98	76.40	74.65	78.98	75.80	79.97
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	76.95	75.40	76.20	76.05	77.42	73.60	76.09
Food, Drink and Tobacco	83.65	76.20	76.67	74.42	74.83	73.75	78.65
Other Manufacturing	82.21	77.29	78.58	74.79	77.63	74.33	79.53
All Manufacturing Groups	80.26	76.21	76.85	75.03	77.05	73.95	77.87
Transport and Communication	89.85	85.66	86.64	85.20	87.17	90.25	87.60
Wholesale and Retail Trade	90.97	82.85	80.12	78.60	80.93	76.37	84.98
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	90.83	82.52	80.07	79.64	78.93	89.18	85.21
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	81.04	75.36	76.10	72.75	83.32	75.53	78.47
All Industry Groups (b)	84.54	78.55	79.02	76.97	80.39	76.74	81.04

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(Base : Weighted Average Hourly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	137.9	129.5	126.9	124.0	131.2	125.9	132.8
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	127.8	125.2	126.6	126.3	128.6	122.2	126.4
Food, Drink and Tobacco	138.9	126.6	127.3	123.6	124.3	122.5	130.6
Other Manufacturing	136.5	128.4	130.5	124.2	128.9	123.5	132.1
All Manufacturing Groups	133.3	126.6	127.6	124.6	128.0	122.8	129.3
Transport and Communication	149.2	142.3	143.9	141.5	144.8	149.9	145.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	151.1	137.6	133.1	130.5	134.4	126.8	141.1
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services	150.9	137.1	133.0	132.3	131.1	148.1	141.5
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	134.6	125.2	126.4	120.8	138.4	125.4	130.3
All Industry Groups (b)	140.4	130.5	131.2	127.8	133.5	127.5	134.6

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4. (b) Excludes rural; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

TABLE 10. - MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATES : ADULT FEMALES, ALL GROUPS (a)

Weighted average minimum hourly rates payable and index numbers of hourly rates.

End of -	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
RATES OF WAGE (Pence)							
December - 1951	52.30	51.90	48.72	51.37	49.02	50.23	51.51
1959	75.66	72.72	69.42	72.17	67.57	71.06	73.26
1960	79.31	74.33	72.34	73.30	75.77	72.45	76.13
1961	81.71	77.34	77.23	76.04	77.40	75.30	79.00
1962	81.68	77.37	77.25	76.14	79.06	75.33	79.10
1963 - March	81.96	77.37	77.23	76.14	79.06	75.33	79.23
June	82.59	78.30	78.08	76.57	79.56	75.71	79.93
September	83.05	78.52	78.79	76.89	80.04	76.21	80.34
December	83.33	78.55	78.99	76.94	80.37	76.39	80.52
1964 - March	84.54	78.55	79.02	76.97	80.39	76.74	81.04

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(Base : Weighted Average Hourly Wage Rate, Australia, 1954 = 100)

December - 1951	86.9	86.2	80.9	85.3	81.4	83.4	85.6
1959	125.7	120.8	115.3	119.9	112.2	118.0	121.7
1960	131.7	123.5	120.1	121.7	125.8	120.3	126.4
1961	135.7	128.5	128.3	126.3	128.5	125.1	131.2
1962	135.7	128.5	128.3	126.5	131.3	125.1	131.4
1963 - March	136.1	128.5	128.3	126.5	131.3	125.1	131.6
June	137.2	130.0	129.7	127.2	132.1	125.7	132.8
September	137.9	130.4	130.9	127.7	132.9	126.6	133.4
December	138.4	130.5	131.2	127.8	133.5	126.9	133.7
1964 - March	140.4	130.5	131.2	127.8	133.5	127.5	134.6

(a) See paragraph 10, page 4. Excludes rural; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

II. BASIC WAGE RATES

Basic wage rates are determined by Commonwealth or State industrial authorities. The basic wage is that part of the minimum wage to which are added margins for skill, etc. and loadings. It is determined without regard to any circumstance pertaining to the occupation or industry of an employee.

For further information reference should be made to the Labour Report, in which the history of basic wage fixation in Australia is dealt with at some length. For tables showing Commonwealth and State basic wage rates over a long period of years see the Appendix to Labour Report No. 49, 1961.

COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGES

The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission may, for the purpose of preventing or settling an industrial dispute extending beyond the limits of any State, make an order or award altering the basic wage or the principles upon which it is computed. In practice, the Commission holds general basic wage inquiries from time to time and its findings apply to industrial awards within its jurisdiction. After the 1961 Basic Wage Inquiry the Commission decided that Commonwealth basic wages should in future be adjusted annually in accordance with movements in the Consumer Price Index for the six capital cities (weighted average), unless the Commission was persuaded to the contrary by those opposing the change, and that a review of the economy generally, and in particular of productivity increases, would take place every three or four years. Since December, 1950 the basic wage for adult females has been 75 per cent. of the adult male rate.

TABLE 11. - COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGES : WEEKLY RATES

Date Operative (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Six Capitals
ADULT MALES							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1951 - November	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
1952 - November	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
1953 - August (b)	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
1956 - June (c)	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
1957 - 15th May(c)	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0
1958 - 21st May(c)	268 0	260 0	243 0	256 0	261 0	267 0	261 0
1959 - 11th June(c)	283 0	275 0	258 0	271 0	276 0	282 0	276 0
1961 - 7th July(c)	295 0	287 0	270 0	283 0	288 0	294 0	288 0
1964 - 19th June(c)	315 0	307 0	290 0	303 0	308 0	314 0	308 0
ADULT FEMALES							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1951 - November	155 0	149 0	138 6	146 0	147 6	149 0	150 0
1952 - November	177 6	171 0	162 0	171 6	171 0	172 6	173 0
1953 - August (b)	182 0	176 0	163 6	173 0	177 0	181 6	177 0
1956 - June (c)	189 6	183 6	171 0	180 6	184 6	189 0	184 6
1957 - 15th May(c)	197 0	191 0	178 6	188 0	192 0	196 6	192 0
1958 - 21st May(c)	201 0	195 0	182 0	192 0	195 6	200 0	195 6
1959 - 11th June(c)	212 0	206 0	193 6	203 0	207 0	211 6	207 0
1961 - 7th July(c)	221 0	215 0	202 6	212 0	216 0	220 6	216 0
1964 - 19th June(c)	236 0	230 0	217 6	227 0	231 0	235 6	231 0

(a) Rates are operative from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the month shown or commencing on or after the date shown. (b) Automatic quarterly adjustment in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued.

(c) Rates declared subsequent to an inquiry.

STATE BASIC WAGES

In New South Wales the basic wage is automatically adjusted each quarter in accordance with variations in the Consumer Price Index. State basic wages are not declared in Victoria and Tasmania, but Wages Boards, which determine minimum rates to be paid in various industry groups or callings, now generally adopt Commonwealth rates. In Queensland the industrial authority may declare a basic wage only after a full inquiry. In South Australia the rates have been the same as Commonwealth rates since 1950. The industrial authority in Western Australia determines the basic wage each quarter after considering retail price index numbers. In all States, since May, 1961 the basic wage for adult females has been 75 per cent. of the adult male rate. The rates for the capital cities in each State are shown in Table 12.

TABLE 12. - STATE BASIC WAGES : WEEKLY RATES

Date Operative (a)	Adult Males s. d.	Adult Females s. d.	Date Operative (a)	Adult Males s. d.	Adult Females s. d.
NEW SOUTH WALES BASIC WAGE - SYDNEY RATES					
1953 - August (b)	243 0	182 0	1962 - February	300 0	225 0
1955 - November (c)	253 0	189 6	May	300 0	225 0
1956 - November	274 0	205 6	August	299 0	224 6
1957 - November	270 0	202 6	November	300 0	225 0
1958 - November	273 0	204 6	1963 - February	301 0	226 0
1959 - November	279 0	209 0	May	302 0	226 6
1960 - November	294 0	220 6	August	303 0	227 6
1961 - November	301 0	226 0	November	303 0	227 6
1962 - November	300 0	225 0	1964 - February	303 0	227 6
			May	305 0	229 0
VICTORIAN BASIC WAGE - MELBOURNE RATES					
1953 - November	237 0	177 6	1959 - June (d)	275 0	206 0
1954 - November	234 0	175 6	1961 - July (d)	287 0	215 0
1955 - November	246 0	184 6	1964 - June (d)	307 0	230 0
1956 - August (b)	263 0	197 0			
QUEENSLAND BASIC WAGE - BRISBANE RATES					
1953 - 2nd November	222 0	149 0	1961 - 30th January	280 0	194 0
1954 - 1st February	225 0	151 0	1st May (e)	280 0	210 0
1955 - 24th October	229 0	154 0	29th May (e)	284 0	213 0
1956 - 29th October	241 0	162 6	1963 - 6th May (e)	286 0	214 6
1957 - 29th July	241 0	162 6	1964 - 13th July (e)	300 0	225 0
1958 - 27th October	256 0	173 6			
1959 - 26th October	267 0	182 0			
1960 - 31st October	276 0	191 0			
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BASIC WAGE - ADELAIDE RATES					
NOTE: Since February, 1950 these rates have been the same as the Commonwealth basic wage rates for Adelaide (see previous table).					
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BASIC WAGE - METROPOLITAN RATES					
1953 - 27th July	246 6	160 3	1961 - 31st July	300 6	225 5
1955 - 9th August	252 5	164 1	30th October	298 9	224 1
1956 - 29th October	265 2	172 4	1963 - 22nd April	300 3	225 2
1957 - 28th October	272 9	177 3	29th July	301 6	226 1
1958 - 27th October	273 5	177 9	1964 - 27th April	304 2	228 2
1959 - 26th October	281 6	183 0			
1960 - 24th October	294 7	220 11			
1961 - 30th October	298 9	224 1			
TASMANIAN BASIC WAGE - HOBART RATES					
1956 - February (c)	259 0	194 3	1959 - July (d)	282 0	211 6
May	268 0	201 0	1961 - July (d)	294 0	220 6
August (b)	272 0	204 0	1964 - June (d)	314 0	235 6

- (a) See Table 11. (b) See Table 11. (c) Automatic adjustments re-introduced.
 (d) Commonwealth basic wage rates adopted by most wages boards in the months shown.
 (e) Rates declared subsequent to an inquiry.

III. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

The figures in this section are derived from particulars of employment and of wages and salaries recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the defence forces is not included.

Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately from the sources mentioned above; average weekly earnings have therefore been calculated in terms of male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. As it was not possible to estimate the ratio of male to female earnings in the several States the same ratio has been used in each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures shown.

For a number of reasons average weekly earnings per employed male unit cannot be compared with the minimum weekly wage rates shown in Tables 1 - 4. The figures in Tables 1 - 4 are weighted average minimum (award) rates payable to adult male wage earners in non-rural industry for a full week's work, at the end of each month or year. Those in Table 13 represent actual average weekly earnings for all wage earners and salaried employees (whether adult or junior, full-time or part-time, casual, etc.) and are quarterly or annual averages.

TABLE 13. - AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)
(£)

Period	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia
1954-55	17.69	17.65	15.59	16.89	16.15	16.60	17.17
1955-56	18.97	18.91	16.48	17.93	16.94	17.79	18.34
1956-57	19.95	19.81	17.42	18.34	17.51	18.85	19.21
1957-58	20.48	20.34	17.86	18.84	18.11	19.07	19.73
1958-59	21.14	20.98	18.62	19.29	18.31	19.56	20.34
1959-60	22.83	22.74	19.71	20.91	19.61	20.96	21.93
1960-61	24.06	23.58	20.79	21.68	20.77	21.66	22.98
1961-62	24.55	24.26	21.61	22.37	21.51	22.64	23.62
1962-63	25.08	25.05	22.18	22.91	22.12	22.95	24.23
1961 - December Quarter	25.64	25.10	22.46	22.90	21.97	22.90	24.49
1962 - March	23.35	23.42	20.49	21.72	20.86	22.26	22.65
June	25.22	24.69	21.88	22.85	21.87	23.88	24.15
September	24.47	24.45	22.17	22.69	22.04	22.44	23.77
December	26.23	25.65	23.25	23.69	22.66	22.93	25.10
1963 - March	23.86	24.17	20.92	22.27	21.28	22.25	23.20
June	25.74	25.92	22.38	23.00	22.50	24.15	24.83
September	25.33	25.49	22.77	23.35	23.28	23.24	24.65
December	27.71	27.94	24.48	25.13	24.87	25.42	26.85
1964 - March	25.01	24.88	22.18	23.22	22.37	23.61	24.22

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, over-time earnings, over-award and bonus payments, payments made in advance or retrospectively during the periods specified, etc. See explanatory notes above. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

NOTE:- Quarterly figures are affected by seasonal influences.

Comparisons as to trend are generally best made by relating complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. However, comparisons of December quarter, 1963 and March quarter, 1964 with the corresponding quarters of previous years are affected by additional prepayments arising from extensions of annual leave from two to three weeks.

Seasonally adjusted indexes of average earnings are shown in Table 14.

TABLE 14. - INDEXES OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (a) : AUSTRALIA

(Base of each Index : Year 1953-54 = 100)

Seasonally Adjusted

Period	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing (c)	Period	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing (c)
1954-55	105.1	106.9	1958 - March Qtr.	121.2	122.3
1955-56	112.3	113.8	June "	121.9	123.6
1956-57	117.7	118.3	Sept. "	123.2	124.2
1957-58	120.8	122.0	Dec. "	125.2	126.0
1958-59	124.5	125.6	1959 - March "	124.0	125.4
1959-60	134.5	135.4	June "	125.5	126.8
1960-61	140.6	141.1	Sept. "	130.3	131.8
1961-62	144.7	143.4	Dec. "	131.6	132.7
1962-63	148.3	147.7	1960 - March "	136.4	137.5
1954 - Sept. Qtr.	102.7	104.9	June "	138.9	139.5
Dec. "	103.5	105.1	Sept. "	139.0	140.2
1955 - March "	105.5	107.1	Dec. "	140.4	141.7
June "	108.8	110.6	1961 - March "	141.5	142.4
Sept. "	109.9	111.9	June "	141.7	140.2
Dec. "	110.7	113.2	Sept. "	141.7	140.9
1956 - March "	113.8	114.3	Dec. "	143.4	142.8
June "	114.9	115.7	1962 - March "	146.2	144.4
Sept. "	115.5	116.6	June "	147.3	145.4
Dec. "	117.0	117.8	Sept. "	145.3	146.4
1957 - March "	118.9	118.5	Dec. "	146.9	146.3
June "	119.2	120.2	1963 - March "	149.7	149.3
Sept. "	119.2	119.8	June "	151.3	148.8
Dec. "	120.9	122.1	Sept. "	150.9	150.7
			Dec. "	154.8	153.6
			1964 - March "	158.6	156.7

(a) See explanatory notes on previous page. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Based on Pay-roll Tax returns and other data. (c) The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1954-55 to 1962-63 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual Factory Censuses. The figures for periods subsequent to June, 1963 are interim estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns and are subject to revision when the Factory Census for 1963-64 is tabulated.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings for each group over a period of time. However, they do not give, at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

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